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Log Book 58 of the USS Essex October 1, 1915 — March 31, 1916

The Day-to-Day Operations of Shipbuilder
Donald McKay's Last Ship

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Ernest E. Dieball of the USS Essex (Courtesy Betty Lloyd)





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<*U. S. S.*> Essex

<*From>* October 1, 1915 <*to>* March 31, 1916.



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## <TORPEDO BOAT LOG BOOK>

<U. S. S.> Essex

<COMMANDED BY>

Commander Anthony F. Nicklett, O[hio] N[aval]. M[ilitia] <, U. S. N.,>

<FROM> October 1. 1915

<TO> March 31. 1916.

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Anthony F. Nicklett LD.O	Commander	May 6. 1910.	_	
Ernest E. Dieball L.D.O	Lieutenant	June 29. 1913.		
Ross. G. Willoh EDO	Lieutenant	July 13. 1914.		
Horace P. Corbiss A.D.O.	Lieutenant	Aug. 2. 1915.		
Otto. L. Haukison L.D.O.	Lieutenant	April 19. 1915.		
Jacob Schwarzkopf. L.DO	Lieut. (J. G)	May 10. 1912.		Ohio Naval Militia. 1st Battalion
Louis C. Gens. L.DO.	Lieut. (J G)	April 19. 1915.		
Gustove L. Gens. L.D.O.	Ensign	July 9. 1914.		
Walter J. Hazlewood. L.D.O.	Ensign.	April 19. 1915.		
Walter E. Jacoby. Lt. Comdr.	Paymaster	May 23. 1910		<i></i>
Clarence A. Berger Lieutenant	Surgeon	Feb. 2. 1916.		

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<THURSDAY.>

Alongside wharf at foot of Walnut street Toledo. O[hio]

Chipping and painting slop chutes Finished painting anchor engine

<FRIDAY.>
Oct 1st

Cleaning battery – raining

Tested flood cocks and turned over anchor engine and steering gear.

General cleaning – washed down decks. Touching up rust spots on ship's side Cleaned up the dock.

<SATURDAY.>

Examined and approved:

Anthony F Nicklett

### <LOG OF THE U. S. S.> Essex <, AT> Toledo. O[hio] <FOR THE WEEK ENDING> October 9th <, 19> 15 <REMARKS.>

<DAY.>

Sunday Routine

<SUNDAY.>
3rd

Started painting ship's side

<MONDAY.>

Raining.

Cleaning berth deck. and fore hold.

Repairing boat covers.

<TUESDAY.> 5th

Continued painting ship's side

<WEDNESDAY.> 6th

### <LOG OF THE U. S. S.> Essex <, AT> Toledo. O[hio]. <FOR THE WEEK ENDING> October 9th <, 19> 15 <REMARKS.>

<DAY.>

Raining Taking in slack on shore lines Repairing gangway Repairing boat covers.

<THURSDAY.>

Painting ship's side Tested food cocks Turned over anchor engine and steering gear.

<FRIDAY.>

General cleaning.
Washed down decks.

<SATURDAY.> 9th

Examined and approved:

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### <LOG OF THE U. S. S.> Essex <, AT> Toledo. O[hio] <FOR THE WEEK ENDING> October 16 <, 19> 15 <REMARKS.>

<DAY.>

Sunday Routine

<SUNDAY.>

Continued painting ship's side

<MONDAY.>

Continued painting ship's side

<TUESDAY.>

Continued painting ship's side

<WEDNESDAY.>

<DAY.>

Finished painting ship's side Cleaning up ship for visitors Rain.

<THURSDAY.>

General cleaning of battery and magazines

Cleaning up spar deck.

Hoisted ashes.

<FRIDAY.>

Tested flood cocks.

15th Turned over anchor engine and. steering gear.

General cleaning Washed down decks. Painting water line

<SATURDAY.>

Sent Azimuth Drums for \*1 and \*2. guns. to Navy Yard Washington to be rescribed. Sent Azimuth Disc. \*3257. for \*3. guns. to Navy Yard Wash[ington]. as sample for above.

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### <LOG OF THE U. S. S.> Essex <, AT> Toledo. O[hio]. <FOR THE WEEK ENDING> October 23rd <, 19> 15 <REMARKS.>

<DAY.>

Sunday Routine

<SUNDAY.>

Rove off cutter falls. Hoisted second cutter Roused out port chain ready for chipping

<MONDAY.>

Started chipping port anchor chain C. M. Broom. M[aster]. A[t]. A[rms]. 1 cl[asss]. reported on board. for duty.

<TUESDAY.>

Chipping port anchor. Chain

<WEDNESDAY.> 20th

### <LOG OF THE U. S. S.> Essex <, AT> Toledo. O[hio]. <FOR THE WEEK ENDING> October 23rd <, 19> 15 <REMARKS.>

<DAY.>

Chipping and painting port anchor chain Putting up instruction boards in Armory.

<THURSDAY.> 21st

Chipping and painting port anchor chain Tested flood cocks.
Turned over anchor engine and steering gear.

<FRIDAY.> 22nd

General cleaning Washed down and cleaned up the decks.

<SATURDAY.> 23rd

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### <LOG OF THE U. S. S.> Essex <, AT> Toledo. O[hio]. <FOR THE WEEK ENDING> October 30th <, 19> 15 <REMARKS.>

<DAY.>

**Sunday Routine** 

<SUNDAY.> 24th

Painting Second cutter and rust spots on ship's side Chipping and painting anchor chain

<MONDAY.> 25th

Chipping. painting and marking anchor chain Took in slack. on shore lines

<TUESDAY.> 26th

Chipping and painting anchor chain

<WEDNESDAY.> 27th

### <LOG OF THE U. S. S.> Essex <, AT> Toledo. O[hio]. <FOR THE WEEK ENDING> October 30 <, 19> 15 <REMARKS.>

<DAY.>

Chipping and painting anchor chain

<THURSDAY.> 28th

Chipping and painting anchor chain Discharged ashes.

<FRIDAY.> 29th.

General Cleaning
Washed down decks.

<SATURDAY.> 30th.

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Anthony F Nicklett

<DAY.>

Sunday Routine.

Oct <SUNDAY.>

Examining, chipping and painting port anchor chain

Cleaned out port chain locker. Started restowing port chain Swept down spar and gun deck.

Nov. <MONDAY.>

Chipping and painting anchor chain

Swept down berth deck. Took in slack on shore lines

<TUESDAY.> Cleaned out heads and washrooms.
2 Repaired canopy cover.

Chipping, painting and marking anchor chain Cleaned out fore hold.

<WEDNESDAY.>

### <LOG OF THE U. S. S.> Essex <, AT> Toledo. O[hio] <FOR THE WEEK ENDING> November 6 <, 19> 15 <REMARKS.>

<DAY.>

Chipping, painting and restowing port anchor. chain Scraping and painting rust spots on ship's side

<THURSDAY.>

Chipping and painting port anchor chain

A. Holtz. C[hief]. W[ater]. T[ender]. left ship for Rec[eiving]. Ship. N[ew]. Y[ork]. to be discharged Tested magazine Flood cocks.

<FRIDAY.>

Turned over steering and anchor engine by steam and found all in good working order.

General cleaning of ship Washed down gun and spar deck. Cleaned up the decks.

<SATURDAY.>

Examined and approved:

Anthony F Nicklett

<DAY.>

Sunday Routine.

<SUNDAY.>

Chipping. painting and marking anchor chain Crating ammunition boxes for sending away.

<MONDAY.> 8th

Chipping and painting port anchor chain Swept down all decks.

<TUESDAY.> 9th

Chipping, marking and painting anchor chain Restowing and cleaning paint locker.

Received three Azimuth Discs from Navy Yard Washington D[istrict]. [of] C[olumbia]

<WEDNESDAY.>

## <LOG OF THE U. S. S.> Essex <, AT> Toledo. O[hio] <FOR THE WEEK ENDING> November 13 <, 19> 15

<DAY.>

<REMARKS.>

Chipping, painting and restowing port anchor chain

Marking and logging ammunition crates.

Sent the following to Iona Island. N[ew] Y[ork].: -

14 – 3 pdr ctg [cartridge] boxes containing 44 – 3 pdr ctgs [cartridges]. complete

<THURSDAY.>

and 171 empty cart[ridges]. cases.2. Boxes. containing 2 sample bottles.

Chipping and painting anchor chain Cleaned out motor boat, heads and washroom.

<FRIDAY.> 12th

Finished chipping and painting port anchor chain General Cleaning Washed down gun and spar decks.

<SATURDAY.> 13th.

Cleaned up decks.

Examined and approved:

Anthony F Nicklett

<DAY.>

**Sunday Routine** 

<SUNDAY.>

Finished restowing port anchor chain Putting in cabin windows

Taking down all cabin and wardroom curtains and stowing them in chest.

<MONDAY.>

Overhauling air ports

Making new hatch for forward berth deck.

<TUESDAY.>

Rain

Breaking out and restowing, cleaning storerooms

Taking down curtains in wardroom.

<WEDNESDAY.>

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# <LOG OF THE U. S. S.> Essex <, AT> Toledo. O[hio]. <FOR THE WEEK ENDING> November 20 <, 19> 15. <REMARKS.>

<DAY.>

Hoisting in dinghy and punt. Taking anchor on board from dock. Cleaned up and swept down decks.

<THURSDAY.>

Sponged out and oiled off battery Cleaning magazine and tested flood cocks. Turned over anchor engine and steering gear.

<FRIDAY.>

General Cleaning
Washed down and Cleaned up decks.
Slacked up shore lines (low water)
Carpenters mate working in armory.

<SATURDAY.>

Examined and approved:

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# <LOG OF THE U. S. S.> Essex <, AT> Toledo. O[hio]. <FOR THE WEEK ENDING> November 27 <, 19> 15. <REMARKS.>

<DAY.>

Sunday Routine.

<SUNDAY.>

Broke out and cleaned all lamps and lamp room.

Fixed gangway

Took in slack. on lines.

<MONDAY.>

Broke out all boat covers and old canvas.

Rigged in gig and put cover on.

Put cover on motor boat.

<TUESDAY.>

Swept down. all decks.

Rigged in both cutters and put on covers. Put cover on sailing launch

Unrigged and stowed away both life buoys.

<WEDNESDAY.> 24.

# <LOG OF THE U. S. S.> Essex <, AT> Toledo. O[hio]. <FOR THE WEEK ENDING> November 27 <, 19> 15. <REMARKS.>

<DAY.>

Holiday Routine

<THURSDAY.>

Mounting 3 pdr gun in Armory. Cleaning 4" gun in Armory. Cleaning magazine, tested flood cocks. Turned over anchor engine and steering gear.

<FRIDAY.>

General Cleaning Washed down decks.

<SATURDAY.> 27.

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<DAY.>

Sunday Routine.

<SUNDAY.>

Shifting radiators from wardroom and cabin to forward gun deck. for winter quarters.

<MONDAY.> 29.

Repairing hatch covers.

Making new sky light for forward hatch

Swept down all decks and scrubbed paint work.

<TUESDAY.>

Making sky light for forward. hatch for winter quarters Putting up radiators on forward gun deck Swept down all decks.

Dec <WEDNESDAY.>

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# <LOG OF THE U. S. S.> Essex <, AT> Toledo. O[hio]. <FOR THE WEEK ENDING> December 4 <, 19> 15. <REMARKS.>

<DAY.>

Making sky light for forward hatch and putting up radiators on. forward gun deck for winter quarters

Scrubbed. paint work on berth deck.

Cleaned out sail room.

<THURSDAY.>

Working on sky light for fore hatch and on radiators Cleaned out sick bay and scrubbed paint work in wardroom. Cleaned magazines and tested flood cocks.

<FRIDAY.>

Turned over anchor engine and steering gear.

General Cleaning.
Washed down decks.

<SATURDAY.>

4

Washed down ship's side Took in slack on shore lines.

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<DAY.>

Sunday Routine.

<SUNDAY.>

5

Repaired gangway.

Fitting windows for forward gun ports Finished sky light for forward hatch.

<MONDAY.>

Fitting windows in forward gun ports.

Singled lines trying to swing ship around. but the wind was too strong Broke out store rooms. and took inventory of crews. mess gear.

<TUESDAY.>

7

Swung ship around. at the dock.

Cleaned up and swept down decks.

Secured gangway.

<WEDNESDAY.>

8

<DAY.>

Rigged in boat davits Fitting windows in forward gun ports.

Broke out lines and got ready to be towed to Ironville

<THURSDAY.>

Swept down all decks.

Turned over anchor engine and steering gear by steam

Tested magazine flood. cocks.

<FRIDAY.>

Unrigged and took on board. gangway.

Left Walnut Street dock. at  $8^{\underline{15}}$  am and arrived at Ironville coal dock. at  $9^{\underline{15}}$  am. Moored ship

<SATURDAY.>

Cleaned up and swept down decks.

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<DAY.>

Sunday Routine.

<SUNDAY.>

12

Started coaling ship at  $7^{\underline{30}}$  am and finished at finished at  $3^{\underline{50}}$  PM. took on 150 tons Swept down decks.

Cleared away snow from spar deck.

<MONDAY.>

Shifted berth 50 feet ahead.

Reeled up hawsers.

Covered ventilators and steering wheel with canvas.

<TUESDAY.>

Broke out boards for winter quarters bulkhead.

Putting up winter quarters bulkhead.

Took down Radio Aerial Slacked up on shore lines.

<WEDNESDAY.>

Swept down decks.

15

### <LOG OF THE U. S. S.> Essex <, AT> Toledo. O[hio] <FOR THE WEEK ENDING> December 18 <, 19> 15. <REMARKS.>

<DAY.>

Made three new wooden fenders.

Breasted ship off from dock. and placed new fenders over the side Sent ashore for new window pane and put same in chart house.

Reeled up five inch line

<THURSDAY.>

Finished winter quarters bulkhead.

Cleaned paint work. and washed. down gun deck.

Cleaned battery

<FRIDAY.>

Tested magazine and flood cocks.

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Turned over anchor engine and steering gear by steam

Shifted berth 10 feet ahead.

Rigged in <sup>#</sup>4 and <sup>#</sup>6 guns. to clear dock. at low water during winter

Covered over hatches with canvas.

<SATURDAY.>

General cleaning of ship

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<DAY.>

Sunday Routine.

<SUNDAY.>

Putting paper on winter quarters bulkhead.

Fitting new azimuth drums on #1 and #2 guns. by cutting away on azimuth pointer in

compliance with instructions from Naval Gun Factory – Oct 28-15.

<MONDAY.>

Clearing away snow on spar deck. and on the dock.

Sent bag and two suet cases belonging to A. Holtz. C[hief] W[ater]. T[ender]. to St Louis. by Wells

Fargo Express. at his own request

All hands discharging ashes.

Continued work on fitting azimuth drums. for #1 and #2 guns.

Moving potato lockers and punt on spar deck.

<TUESDAY.>

Unrigging running gear on spar deck and stowing it below for winter

Working on azimuth drums.

Taking down running gear on spar deck. and stowing it below for the winter Unshipped port gangway and gangway platform to clear dock at low water

<WEDNESDAY.>

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### <LOG OF THE U. S. S.> Essex <, AT> Toledo. O[hio] <FOR THE WEEK ENDING> December 25 <, 19> 15. <REMARKS.>

<DAY.>

Coaling galley.

Cleaned paint work on gun deck.

Breaking out and restowing paint cans and rope in forward magazine

cleaned out chart house.

<THURSDAY.>

Turned over anchor engine and steering gear by steam.

Tested magazine flood coks. General cleaning of ship

<FRIDAY.>

Holiday Routine

<SATURDAY.> 25.

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<DAY.>

Sunday Routine

<SUNDAY.>

Clearing away snow on spar deck. and dock.

<MONDAY.>

Clearing away snow on spar deck. Rigging up dotter gear on 3 pdr gun in armory.

<TUESDAY.>

Slacking up on shore lines and fenders. Exceptional high water and snow storm Clearing away snow Making door for gun port

<WEDNESDAY.>

# <LOG OF THE U. S. S.> Essex <, AT> Toledo. O[hio]. <FOR THE WEEK ENDING> January 1 <, 19> 16. <REMARKS.>

<DAY.>

Cleaning away snow on spar deck.

Making wire screens over sky light in fore hatch

Made cover for search light

Finished work on dotter in Armory.

<THURSDAY.>

Turned over anchor engine and steering gear by steam Tested magazine and flood cocks. General cleaning of ship.

<FRIDAY.>

Holiday Routine.

Jan. <SATURDAY.> 1st.

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<DAY.>

Sunday Routine.

<SUNDAY.>
2nd

Unrigged anchor boom lift, fall and guys and stowed same below. Unshipped chart table on bridge and stowed same in chart house Covered semaphore with canvas

<MONDAY.> 3.

<TUESDAY.>

Moved. aeroplane boxes and covered same with canvas

Made door for gun port, used for gangway

Cleaned wardroom.

Scrubbed paint work. on berth deck and in sick bay. Chipping rust and red leading hatch on forward gun deck.

Scraping and painting hatch on after gun deck.

Hanging up black board in Armory.

Placing fenders on the off shore side of ship for barges alongside

Cleaned and oiled off all carpenter's tools

Overhauling and repairing blocks.

<WEDNESDAY.>

Sewing canvas on life preservers

<DAY.>

Cleaning paint work on berth deck. Complete work on azimuth pointers Cleaning and sharpening carpenter's tools Overhauling and repairing blocks.

<THURSDAY.>

Taking out and repairing bent stop bolt in No 1 gun.

Rigged in #3 gun on account of barges alongside Made one large wooden fender

Hoisted and secured starboard gangway.

<FRIDAY.>

Turned over anchor engine and steering gear by steam

Grinding in new stop bolt in \*1 gun.

General cleaning of ship.

<SATURDAY.>

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#### <LOG OF THE U. S. S.> Essex <, AT> Toledo. O[hio] <FOR THE WEEK ENDING> January 15 <, 19> 16 <REMARKS.>

<DAY.>

**Sunday Routine** 

<SUNDAY.> 9

Cleaning paint work in sick bay and dispensary.

Finished grinding in stop bolt in #1 gun

Overhauling and cleaning breech mechanism on battery

Overhauling blocks. <MONDAY.>

> Breaking out and cleaning paint locker. 10

> > Started work on new and larger flushing system in crew's head.

Started to shellac sick bay and berth deck.

Overhauling blocks. Sponged out all guns.

<TUESDAY.> 11

Cleaning away snow on spar deck. and on the dock. Working on flushing system in crew's head.

Swept down gun deck.

<WEDNESDAY.>

Repaired suction pipe in fresh water tanks

12 Repairing gun covers.

#### <LOG OF THE U. S. S.> Essex <, AT> Toledo. O[hio]. <FOR THE WEEK ENDING> January 15 <, 19> 16 <REMARKS.>

<DAY.>

Working on new flushing system in crew's head.

Shellacing [sic] berth deck.

Cleaning out store rooms, getting same. ready for painting

Overhauling blocks.

<THURSDAY.> 13

Repairing gun covers.

Working on new flushing systems in crew's head. Repairing fenders that carried away during night

Finished shellacing [sic] berth deck, sick bay, and dispensary.

<FRIDAY.> 14

Turned over anchor engine and steering gear by steam.

Tested magazine flood cocks

General cleaning of ship.

<SATURDAY.>

15

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<DAY.>

Sunday Routine

<SUNDAY.>

Cleaned and washed out bilges

Finished work on flushing system in crew's head

Swept snow off spar deck.

<MONDAY.>

Sponged out all guns and oiled off steel work on same.

Getting ready to roust out sheet anchor chain for chipping and painting.

Breaking out Kedge and shut anchor chain

<TUESDAY.>

Finished breaking out kedge and sheet anchor chains Started chipping sheet chain Cleaned out chain lockers.

<WEDNESDAY.>

19

<DAY.>

Chipping and painting sheet anchor chain Domaratius, R. Se[aman]. 4 c[lass]. was transferred to R/S [Receiving Ship]. at New York. to be discharged. by purchase Scraping chain locker.

<THURSDAY.>

Chipping and painting chain lockers. and shut anchor chain Made new deck in chain locker.
Turned over anchor engine and steering gear. by steam Tested magazine flood cocks.

<FRIDAY.>

General cleaning of ship.

<SATURDAY.> 22.

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# <LOG OF THE U. S. S.> Essex <, AT> Toledo O[hio]. <FOR THE WEEK ENDING> January 29 <, 19> 16 <REMARKS.>

<DAY.>

Sunday Routine.

<SUNDAY.>

Chipping and painting sheet anchor chain Cleaning battery

<MONDAY.>

Chipping and painting sheet anchor chain Clearing away ice

<TUESDAY.>

Chipping and painting sheet anchor chain Clearing away ice.

<WEDNESDAY.>

<DAY.>

Chipping and painting sheet anchor chain.

<THURSDAY.>

Chipping and painting sheet anchor chain Turning anchor engine and steering gear over by steam Tested magazine flood cocks

<FRIDAY.>

General claning [sic] of ship

<SATURDAY.>

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<DAY.>

Sunday Routine

<SUNDAY.>

Chipping and painting sheet anchor chain

<MONDAY.>

Chipping and painting sheet anchor chain Decorating Armory with flags

<TUESDAY.>

Chipping and painting sheet anchor chain Clearing away snow

<WEDNESDAY.>

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<DAY.>

Chipping and painting sheet anchor chain

<THURSDAY.>

Chipping and painting sheet anchor chain Clearing away snow Turned over anchor engine and steering gear by steam Tested magazine flood cocks

<FRIDAY.>

General cleaning of ship

<SATURDAY.>

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<DAY.>

Sunday Routine

<SUNDAY.>

Chipping and painting sheet anchor chain Clearing away snow. Repairing desk in armory

<MONDAY.>

Chipping and painting sheet anchor chain Clearing away snow Repairing desk at armory.

<TUESDAY.>

Chipping and painting sheet anchor chain Clearing away snow.

<WEDNESDAY.>

<DAY.>

Chipping and painting anchor chain

<THURSDAY.>

Finished chipping and painting sheet anchor chain Cleaning out old starboard chain locker. and bilges under same. Turned over anchor engine and steering gear by steam Tested magazine flood cock.

<FRIDAY.>

General cleaning of ship Washed down gun deck.

<SATURDAY.>

Examined and approved:

Anthony F Nicklett

Commander. O[hio]. N[aval]. M[ilitia] <, U. S. Navy.>

<LOG OF THE U. S. S.> Essex. <, AT> Toledo. O[hio].
<FOR THE WEEK ENDING> February 19. <, 19> 16.
<REMARKS.>

<DAY.>

Sunday Routine.

<SUNDAY.>

Started breaking out and painting 1/2 inch chain Making new flooring in old. starboard chain locker.

<MONDAY.>

Chipping and painting 1/2 inch chain Making new flooring for old starboard chain locker.

<TUESDAY.>

Brushing and painting 1/2 inch chain Finished making flooring in chain locker.

<WEDNESDAY.>

## <LOG OF THE U. S. S.> Essex <, AT> Toledo. O[hio]. <FOR THE WEEK ENDING> February 19 <, 19> 16. <REMARKS.>

<DAY.>

Chipping and painting spare chain

<THURSDAY.>

Finished chipping and painting spare chain C. A. Holmberg. C[hief]. G[unner's]. M[ate] – USN. extended his current enlistment which expires March 10th 1916. for one year.

<FRIDAY.>

General cleaning of ship Washed down gun deck.

<SATURDAY.> 19.

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Anthony F Nicklett Commander O[hio]. N[aval] M[ilitia] <, *U. S. Navy*.>

<DAY.>

**Sunday Routine** 

<SUNDAY.>

Chipping and painting spare chain

<MONDAY.>

Holiday Routine.

<TUESDAY.>

Chipping and painting spare chain

<WEDNESDAY.>

23

<DAY.>

Completed chipping, brushing and painting three lengths (45 fathoms each) 1/2" spare chain Oiled off all steel work on battery

<THURSDAY.>

Started wire brushing and painting two lengths (35 fathoms) 3/4 inch spare chain Turned over anchor engine and steering gear by steam Tested magazine flood cocks.

<FRIDAY.>

General cleaning of ship Washed down gun deck.

<SATURDAY.>

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<DAY.>

Sunday Routine

<SUNDAY.> 27.

Chipping and wire brushing 3/4 inch spare chain

<MONDAY.>

Chipping and painting 3/4 inch spare chain

<TUESDAY.>

Chipping and painting spare chain, ring stoppers and shank painter cleared away snow

March <WEDNESDAY.>

1

<DAY.>

Wire brushing and painting spare ring stoppers and shank painters Cleared away snow on spar deck.

<THURSDAY.>

2

Wire brushing and painting, spare chain Turned over anchor engine and steering gear by steam. Tested magazine flood cocks.

<FRIDAY.>

General cleaning of ship Washed down gun deck.

<SATURDAY.>

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<DAY.>

Sunday Routine

<SUNDAY.>

5

Finished painting and stowing chain

Broke out and examined collision mat. from fore hold. and restowed same in sheet chain locker

<MONDAY.>

6

Cleaned and oiled off battery – sponged out all guns.

Cleaned magazine

Dusting off in ward room and cabin

<TUESDAY.>

Cleaning out and restowing fore hold.

Started cleaning out fresh water tanks in fore hold.

<WEDNESDAY.>

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<REMARKS.>
ombing leading to fore hold and made new

Scraping off old shellac on hatch and combing leading to fore hold. and. made new cover for same.

Repaired wooden hatch leading to starboard old chain locker

<THURSDAY.>

Breaking out and cleaning storerooms on berth deck.

Made a shore gangway

Stowing oars in hammock. Netting

<FRIDAY.>

Turned anchor engine and steering gear over by steam

Tested magazine flood cocks.

General cleaning of ship

<SATURDAY.>

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Sunday Routine

<SUNDAY.>

Painting in fore hold.

Repairing hatch in forward bilge

Breaking out paint from store room and mixing paint.

<MONDAY.>

Breaking out storeroom containing water breakers. and boat boxes.

Cleaning storeroom and restowing same.

Made hanger for fire hose.

<TUESDAY.>

Cleaning battery and magazines

Cleaned paintwork on berth deck.

Washed down ship's side.

<WEDNESDAY.>

15

<DAY.>

Sweeping snow off boats and spar deck.

Breaking out and cleaning old lamp room and getting it ready for painting Stowing oars. taken from fore hold, in hammock netting

<THURSDAY.>

Painting old lamp room
Breaking out and cleaning paint locker.
Cleaning bilges under paint locker
Turned anchor engine over by steam
Tested magazine flood cock.

<FRIDAY.>

General cleaning of ship

<SATURDAY.>

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<DAY.>

**Sunday Routine** 

<SUNDAY.>

Cleaning bilges under paint locker Painting paint locker and store rooms. Breaking out storerooms ready for painting Getting ship ready for coaling

<MONDAY.>

Cleaning bilges under ice boxes. Started coaling ship at noon.

<TUESDAY.>

Cleaning ice boxes and storerooms Cleaning ice boxes' bilges Coaling delayed on account of storm.

<WEDNESDAY.>

22

<DAY.>

Cleaning bilges in fore hold.

Finished coaling

Chipping and painting fresh water tanks on the outside

Cleared up and swept down decks after coaling

<THURSDAY.>

Finished cleaning and painting fore hold.

Unrigged coaling gangway

Stowed away empty paint cans and winter quarters bulkheads in coal bunkers (empty)

<FRIDAY.>

Turned over anchor engine and steering gear by steam

Tested magazine flood cock.

General cleaning of ship and ship's side

Washed down gun deck.

<SATURDAY.> 25

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<FOR THE WEEK ENDING> March 31' <, 19> 16.

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Sunday Routine

<SUNDAY.>

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29

<DAY.>

Rigged port gangway platform and gangway.

Washed down gun deck.

Broke out lines from fore hold.

<MONDAY.> Took in slack on shore lines

27 Reeled up new 2" wire cable on reel on gun deck.

Cleaned out storerooms on account of water leaking through deck.

Unrigged and stowed below, sky light over fore hatch Rigged fore hatch canopy and repaired cover for same.

Painted hatch combing

TUESDAY.> Washed down ship's side.

Stowing below old lines

Cleaned paint work on berth deck.

Made new heaving lines

<WEDNESDAY.> Painted crew's heads.

Oiled off battery.

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six months

<FOR THE WEEK ENDING> March. 31 <, 19> 16.

<REMARKS.>

<DAY.>

Cleaning wardrooms.

Painted officer's toilets

Broke out, cleaned, and

Broke out, cleaned, and shellaced [sic]. chart house.

Aired and made up all flags.

<THURSDAY.>

Singled lines getting ready to leave dock.

Continued cleaning wardroom.

Furnished repairing forward hatch cover.

<FRIDAY.>

Turned anchor engine and steering gear over by steam.

31

Tested magazine flood cock.

<SATURDAY.>

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